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TAGS: EMIN, MX, JA

SUBJ: GOM ACCUSES JAPANESE OF BLOCKING PRICE RISE IN MEXICAN  
SALT EXPORTS

1. GOM SUBSECRETARY OF NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES  
LEIPEN, BLASTED JAPANESE COMPANY MITSUBISHI FOR REFUSING  
TO GO ALONG WITH GOM-ORDERED 16 PERCENT PRICE HIKE IN SALT  
EXPORTS OUT OF BAJA CALIFORNIA.

2. MITSUBISHI HAS PURCHASED SALT FROM 25 PERCENT  
STATE-OWNED EXPORTADORA DE SAL COMPANY FOR SEVERAL YEARS.  
PROJECT HAS BEEN HAILED AS AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATIVE  
ENDEAVOR BUT ROMANCE ENDED WHEN MITSUBISHI ORDERED SHIPS  
TO STOP LOADING SALT AND STAND BY IF GOM TRIED TO IMPOSE  
PRICE HIKE.

3. COMMENT: LEIPEN APPEARS TO BE USING THIS CASE AS  
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TRANSNATIONALS TRYING TO IMPEDE JUST  
AND EQUITABLE PRICE FOR MEXICO'S RAW MATERIALS EXPORTS. WE  
DON'T KNOW THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSED PRICE HIKE  
BUT IT APPEARS GOM CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY MITSUBISHI  
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT IMPOSED PRICE RISE.  
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